

**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
22 JANUARY 2001**

REPORT ON: SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIPS (SIPs) SOCIAL SURVEY

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee that the Social Inclusion Partnerships 1 Socio-economic Survey undertaken in 1995 and prepared on behalf of the Dundee Partnership, is scheduled to be repeated in 2001.
- 1.2 To notify the Committee of progress on this matter and report on the proposed objectives of the project plan for the Social Survey.
- 1.3 To report on the implications this has for the Dundee SIP 1 Mid-term Evaluation (Ref Committee Report No 699-2000, of December 2000).

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the implementation framework for completing the Social Survey as outlined in the Project Plan.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Scottish Executive have provided additional funding of £15,000 for each SIP to support the individual evaluations. It is planned to use part of this funding to finance the Scottish Executive evaluation exercise, with a proportion to go towards the cost of a Social Survey.
- 3.2 Part funding (£10,000) from the SIP 1 budget for 2001/2002 has now been approved. Partners represented on the Dundee Partnership Social Survey Working Group have agreed to provide a financial contribution, should this be required, once final costs for the survey are ascertained.
- 3.3 Prior to any such commitment to spend being made a further report will be brought back to Committee for approval.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Social Survey will address issues such as poverty, crime, health, education and community involvement and will examine change in the SIP 1 neighbourhoods and subsequently link this to the nature and extent of impact the SIP 1 programme has had on these issues. This will highlight elements of best practice, which are sustainable for the remaining funding period of the programme.
- 4.2 It is planned to involve community representatives in decisions that have influence over the design and objectives of the Social Survey.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The SIP Programme forms the core of the Scottish Executive policy on regeneration in Scotland, and along with the "Social Justice a Scotland where EVERYONE matters"

report, it is one of the key initiatives of the Ministerial Taskforce on Poverty led by Communities Minister, Wendy Alexander. The SIP Programme aims to tackle the problems of poverty, deprivation and social exclusion.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 The Scottish Executive Guidance on SIP Evaluation covers the evaluation requirements, methodology and reporting, and provides a timetable within which each stage of the evaluation is required to take place.
- 6.2 The timescale of concluding the Dundee Partnership's element of the evaluation is linked to arrangements appropriate to completing the SIP Social Survey and other considerations that ensure an effective period of consultation with Partners and the community is administered. That said, the SIP 1 Mid-term evaluation design is geared to a framework of objectives, which report on achievements, progress and improvements that can be made to the future delivery of the programme. There are two complementary parts to the SIP 1 Mid-term evaluation framework.
- The mid-term evaluation to be conducted for the Scottish Executive and specified in the Executive's draft guidance : this is scheduled for completion in April 2001.
 - The mid-term evaluation to be conducted for the Dundee Partnership, which will include, in addition to the above evaluation work, a SIP Social Survey and more widespread and extensive consultations : this is scheduled for completion in April 2002.
- 6.3 Details of the proposed work plan are outlined in Planning and Transportation Committee Report No 699-2000, of December 2000

7 SIP 1 SOCIAL SURVEY

Framework

- 7.1 Although the Social Survey will not be finished until after the Scottish Executive's deadline, it is planned to build this into the Evaluation Report of the SIP 1 Mid-term at a later date when the Social Survey has been completed (see Appendix 1 – SIP Mid-term Evaluation Framework Timescales).

The research activity and operational work for the Social Survey is now commenced. A working group has been established to design a survey specification and oversee the implementation framework and completion of the consultant's work. It is envisaged that the working group will formally report to the Dundee Partnership's SIP Monitoring and Evaluation Group at appropriate junctures in the evaluation process.

The Survey will focus on specific communities (Ardler, Kirkton, Hilltown and Mid Craigie & Linlathen), each of which is currently targeted by the Scottish Executive for Social Inclusion Partnership funding programme. Between them they form the SIP 1 area in Dundee. The survey is geared to the following broader main objectives:

- Monitor the baseline established in 1995.
- Provide a detailed profile of and address need in the SIP 1 communities.
- Provide qualitative research on issues arising out of Scottish Executive, Partnership and Council strategies.

Funding

- 7.2 It has been agreed by the Scottish Executive that a proportion of the additional funding to support Mid-Term Evaluation can go towards the cost of the Social Survey. The remainder of funding will be sourced from the SIP 1 Budget and, if required, a supplementary funding contribution from the partners represented on the Working Group.

Commissioning

- 7.3 The Survey working group are currently working on the specification, which is scheduled for completion early next year in time for it to go out to tender in February 2001.

Project Plan

- 7.4 A Project Plan has been prepared which sets out the work objectives against the required timescales for the Social Survey. These are attached as Appendix 2.

8 CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning, Director of Social Work and the Director of Neighbourhood Resources and Development, have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 Scottish Executive Guidance Note on Evaluation for Social Inclusion Partnerships.

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APPENDIX 1**SOCIAL; INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP 1 MID-TERM EVALUATION
TIMESCALE AND FRAMEWORK FOR IMPLEMENTATION****Project Plan** **September – December 2000**

- Preparation of Project Plan **3 November 2000**
- Preparation of Committee Report **6 November 2000**
- Preparation of draft Evaluation Framework **17 November 2000**
- Preparation of 'Partnering' Specification **22 November 2000**
- Approval of Committee Report in December **5 December 2000**
- Endorsement of Project Plan by Dundee Partnership **6 December 2000**
- Endorsement of Evaluation Framework by Dundee Partnership **6 December 2000**

Organisation Arrangements **December-March 2001**

- Establishment of Partnership Advisory Group **8 December 2000**
- Preparation of draft Evaluation Working Paper **13 December 2000**
- Consult with Community Co-ordinating Group on Evaluation Working Paper **15 December 2001**
- Endorsement of Evaluation Working Paper by Dundee Partnership **10 January 2001**
- Oversee the delivery of work required in the evaluation framework **Jan-March 2001**

Evaluation Fieldwork **December – March 2001**

- Gathering of monitoring data for Quantitative analysis **31 January 2001**
- Evaluation of SIP Project Activity (annual reports appraisal) **31 January 2001**
- SIP Project primary research (case studies) **28 February 2001**
- Qualitative Research field work **14 February 2001**
- Analysis of gathered research material **24 March 2001**

Draft Scottish Executive Evaluation Report **April - May 2001**

- Preparation of draft Evaluation Report to Dundee Partnership **7 April 2001**
- Advisory Group to meet and deliberate on draft Evaluation Report **7 April 2001**
- Consult with Community Co-ordinating Group on Draft Evaluation Report **14 April 2001**
- Complete Evaluation Report **30 April 2001**
- Approval of Evaluation Report by Dundee Partnership **9 May 2001**

Final Scottish Executive Evaluation Report **11 May 2001****Social Survey** **September – November 2001**

- Design and preparation for Social Survey **31 January 2001**
- Completion of field work for Social Survey **31 October 2001**
- Analysis of survey findings **30 November 2001**
- Preparation of Social Survey final report **28 February 2002**

Dundee Partnership Evaluation Report **April 2002**

- Draft of Partnership's Evaluation Report incorporating Social Survey **31 March 2002**
- Completed Dundee Partnership Evaluation Report **30 April 2002**

Final Dundee Partnership Evaluation Report **30 April 2002**

APPENDIX 2

SOCIAL SURVEY 2001 PROJECT PLAN

It is proposed that the 1995 socio-economic Survey (T L Dempster), prepared on behalf of the Dundee Partnership, be repeated in 2001. The 2001 Survey will again focus on each of the Social Inclusion Partnership targeted communities and will be designed to cover a broad range of issues (see overleaf).

It is in part to coincide with the SIP 1 mid-term evaluation, although the Survey will be geared to the following broader main objectives:

- 1 Monitor the baseline established in 1995.
- 2 Provide a detailed profile of and address (up to date) need in the SIP 1 communities.
- 3 Provide qualitative research on issues arising out of Scottish Executive, Partnership and Council strategies. *The Survey design will need to reflect the linkages with these strategies.*
- 4 Feed into the evaluation process of the SIP 1 at its mid-term point.

The formal process of planning for the Survey includes the formation of a working group to oversee the design of survey, its delivery, appropriate consultation with stakeholders and other aspects relating to policy and funding. The Social Survey working group consists of Partnership agencies and relevant Council Departments.

TIMESCALE/Framework for Implementation

Project Plan and Specification	September – January 2001
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of working group • Preparation of Project Plan • Endorsement of Project Plan by Dundee Partnership • Preparation of Committee Report and its approval in January 2001 	
Full Specification for Survey	November – January 2001
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and preparation of Full Specification for Survey • Consultation with Partnership/Community Co-ordinating Group • Preparation of Brief for Consultants 	
Tenders Offered	February 2001
Confirmation of Tender	April 2001
Consultation with Successful Consultant	June/July 2001
Fieldwork	September/October 2001
Draft Results Report	December 2001
Final Results Report	February 2002

T L Dempster	Project Fees Expenses	£14,300 £1,900
	TOTAL	£16,200
Inflation	Estimated Cost	£20,000*

* A bid has been approved on behalf of the Dundee Partnership for **part** funding through the SIP 1 Budget.

2001 SOCIAL SURVEY CONTENT (As T L Dempster 1995)

- 1 Perception of Community
- 2 Housing Profile
- 3 Attitudes toward current property
- 4 Information
- 5 Housing Migration
- 6 Local Environment
- 7 Safety and Security
- 8 Local Services
- 9 Education and Employment

Health